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RANGER BEN JOE BUCHANAN KILLED BY MEXICAN BANDITS

DEBS' RELEASE IS AN INSULT TO SOLDIERS, SAYS LEGION HEAD

Dallas, Dec. 28.—Disapproval of the release of Eugene V. Debs, was expressed in a statement by Wayne Davis of Goliad, Texas, departmental commander of the Texas American Legion today. The announcement read:

"The American Legion of Texas feels the recent release of Eugene V. Debs after serving a small portion of his ten-year sentence in Federal prison, following his conviction on charges of obstructing the draft is an insult to those who died as well as those who wore the uniform during the war, regardless of the

fact that his release was camouflaged with sentiments of mercy as well as hedged about with political reasons.

Denton Legion Scores Release.
Denton, Texas, Dec. 28.—Resolutions condemning the release from Federal prison of Eugene V. Debs were adopted here last night at a called meeting of Arthur O. McNitzky Post, American Legion. A copy of the resolutions, telegraphed to President Harding, said to let your official action go unchallenged by us would be to break faith with our fallen buddies."

FOSTER NO. ONE MAKING 250 BARRELS DAILY ON PUMP

Foster, No. 1, of the Colorado-Tex Company, at Iatan, 18 miles west of Colorado, has gradually improved in production during the week and is now making 250 barrels per day under the gauge. The well continues to flow by heads occasionally every 48 to 72 hours. The gravity of this oil is 43.5, the best found in any of the wells yet drilled in Mitchell county.

T. & P. No. 1 at Westbrook, the Mitchell County discovery well, drilled in July 1920, continues to produce about 15 barrels of oil and 10,000 feet of gas a day. The T. & P. well is eight miles east from the well at Iatan and proving up of the latter as a good pumper is expected to result in several new tests within the near future. Already one new test in that territory has been spudded by Olin and associates and some of the larger producing companies have recently acquired territory there.

Drilling will be resumed at Foster No. 1, 2,000 feet south of No. 1, next week. A boiler explosion at this location last week delayed drilling until a new boiler could be shipped to Iatan and installed.

Operators at Colorado are very much enthused over the outlook and express the belief that this territory will now be the scene of unprecedented development for this section of West Texas.—Colorado Record

Music Club Organized.

Wednesday afternoon a number of enthusiastic women met at the home of Mrs. C. S. Perkins, Jr., to organize a music club. Twelve charter members were enrolled.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Barnes, President; Miss Dimple Gross, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Hugh Boren, Secretary; Mrs. C. S. Perkins, Treasurer; Mrs. Fritz R. Smith, Reporter; Mrs. McClanahan, chairman membership committee; Miss Clark, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Morrow and Mrs. Perkins.

Program Committee: Mesdames Hamilton, Rosser and Banks.

Committee to draft by laws and constitution: Mesdames Smith, Perkins and Miss Gross.

Motion made to eliminate refreshments at regular meetings.

Mrs. Fritz Smith kindly offered her home as regular meeting place, and was gladly accepted. Every other Wednesday was decided upon for regular club day at 3 o'clock, beginning January 11th.

The Club is beginning with a number of enthusiastic music lovers and this talent combined with hard work will in a few months be able to give the public something worth while. Reporter.

His Father Died.

Mr. Jack Bowling has recently returned from Hugo, Okla., where he was called on account of his father's death. He was accompanied home by his mother who will make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Bowling.

Templeton of John Tarlton Nege, Stephenville spent the holidays with home folks.

Mrs. Kate Wilmett who has been with Bryant-Link Company left this week for her home at Mineral Wells.

FORMER SNYDER CITIZEN SHOT IN THE BACK WHILE ON DUTY

Ben Joe Buchanan, was shot and killed last Sunday, Christmas night, while on duty as a ranger at his home at Polvo, on the Mexican border.

A telegram was received here Monday morning by Judge C. R. Buchanan apprising him of the news. Judge Buchanan, Mrs. Shell and Judge Beall left immediately for the scene. Judge Buchanan said on his return to Snyder yesterday that on Christmas night they were having a dance there, they had a Christmas tree and Ben Joe had acted as Santa Claus and a general good time was had. He and his wife had left after that and gone to their home. Some one in a short time came and told him there were two strange Mexicans there. Ben Joe immediately went to the scene and began talking to one of the Mexicans. The other one began shooting him and in all about seven shots were fired into his body. He died in about two hours. He spoke a few words before he died said he was ready to go and was sorry that he did not write to his mother on that Christmas day. He died with a smile on his face.

He was buried at Marfa Wednesday by the Masonic order. All the stores in Marfa were closed and the Mexicans stood guard while the burial was in progress.

Ben Joe was held in the highest of esteem by all those with whom he had dealings and it is said that he was the most tactful man in handling the Mexicans than any they had had.

Ben Joe was reared at Snyder and Snyder folks are grieved to learn of his untimely death. He leaves a wife who is known to a good many Snyder folks as they visited here after they were married.

Capt. and Mrs. G. C. Buchanan, parents, together with the brother, sisters and relatives, of the deceased have the sympathy of a host of friends, who mourn with them in the loss of their loved one.

The following telegram was received by Mrs. Buchanan, while Mr. Buchanan was at Marfa.

Marfa, Texas, Dec. 27, 1921.

Mrs. C. R. Buchanan.

Snyder, Texas.

Ben Joe was killed doing his duty at a Mexican Christmas gathering Sunday night, by some strange Mexicans, whose presence he was investigating. He lived two hours after being shot several times. He died with a smile on his face, looks very natural. Masonic burial Wednesday three thirty. Lucile cannot think of burial anywhere but here.

C. R. Buchanan.

CONCERNING THE HOGLESS AND COWLESS FARMS

The Childress Index says a farm survey reveals the fact that 40 per cent of the Childress County farms have neither cattle nor hogs on them!

This is a startling statement and goes a long way towards revealing one of the ugliest facts connected with the undesirable rural life conditions, not alone in Childress, but in many other counties of Texas. It seems unbelievable, in the absence of such an unmistakable presentation of facts as the Index man has for his article, that there should be any farms on which there could be found neither cattle nor hogs.

If the county would be prosperous first of all, it must be inhabited by prosperous farmers, and these can not exist in the absence of farm livestock: Cows, sows, hens. It matters not how hard we may try to make the country prosperous raising great quantities of wheat, cotton, or corn, kafir and oats, or hay, these cannot be profitably marketed in the bulk, but must be handled through livestock and poultry.

Every farm community in which

RANGER KILLED BY MEXICANS AT DANCE

Austin, Dec. 27.—Report on the killing of Ben Joe Buchanan, Texas Ranger, at a dance at Polvo, Presidio County, Sunday night, which Capt. Jerry Gray sent by mail from Marfa, is being awaited by Adj. Gen. Thomas D. Barton here today.

General Bartin said that Captain Gray telegraphed him about the killing of Ranger Buchanan by "unknown Mexicans who escaped to Mexico" and that a report would follow.

Was Shot in the Back.

Alpine, Texas, Dec. 27.—Ranger Captain Gray reported Monday that Ben Joe Buchanan, one of his Rangers, was shot and instantly killed Sunday night at a dance in Polvo.

According to Gray, Buchanan officially corrected one of two Mexicans who lived on the Mexican side, for disorderly conduct several days ago. Monday night the two Mexicans were drinking and raising a disturbance at the dance.

Gray ordered Buchanan to preserve order. Buchanan led the chief disturber to one side to speak with him when the other man shot the Ranger in the back.

Buchanan's body will arrive here today. He is survived by a widow and a sister, the widow lives at Polvo and the sister fifteen miles south of Marfa.

Mrs. Buchanan is a member of a prominent family in this section. She is related to the Hords and Garnetts and is a niece of Mrs. H. L. Lackey, all of Alpine and vicinity.

Known at Fort Davis.

Fort Davis, Texas, Dec. 27.—Ranger Ben Joe Buchanan, who died at Polvo, Presidio County, yesterday, from wounds received Christmas day by two Mexicans at that place, was well and favorably known here. Buchanan formerly owned a ranch near Marfa. It is reported the Mexican killed Buchanan to avoid arrest for bootlegging.

DETAILS OF BUCHANAN KILLING NOT RECEIVED

Austin, Texas, Dec. 27.—The Adjutant General's Department late today had not received details of the killing of Ranger Ben Joe Buchanan at Polvo, Presidio County, Sunday night. Ranger Captain Jerry Gray, stationed at Marfa, reported the killing by telegraph, saying that details were being sent by mail. Unofficial

INCOME TAX LAW CHANGES AND REVISIONS ARE POINTED OUT

Enactment of new revenue legislation has brought to the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue a flood of inquiries regarding various provisions. The revenue act of 1921 became effective Nov. 23, 1921, "unless otherwise provided for," said George C. Hopkins, collector for the second district.

"To avoid error in the preparation of their returns and later difficulties with the Bureau of Internal Revenue taxpayers are advised to carefully note the changes and when they become effective.

"The excess profit tax is repealed as of Jan. 1, 1922. The rates for 1921 are unchanged.

"The surtax rates for the calendar year 1921 are unchanged, and range from 1 per cent on the amount of net income between \$5,000 and \$8,000 to 65 per cent on the amount of income in excess of \$1,000,000. For calendar year 1922 the surtax rates range from 1 per cent on the amount \$10,000 to 50 per cent on the amount by which the net income exceeds \$200,000.

Exemption Increased.

"The exemption allowed for a dependent is increased from \$200 to \$400. Married persons living with husband or wife and heads of families are allowed a personal exemption of \$2,500 (instead of \$2,000) unless the net income is in excess of \$5,000, in which case the personal exemption is only \$2,000. The act provides that in no case shall the reduction of the personal exemption from \$2,500 to \$2,000 operate to increase the tax which would be payable if the exemption were \$2,500 by more than the amount of the net income in excess of \$5,000. This is to overcome the disparity in the case of two tax payers, one of whom is just within the lower \$2,000 exemption and the other just within the higher \$2,500 exemption.

"Single persons, and married persons not living with husband or wife, are allowed an exemption of \$1,000. Nonresident aliens are allowed a single personal exemption of \$1,000. Persons having gross incomes for 1921 of \$5,000 or over are required to make a return regardless of the amount of net income.

"Revisions is made for the repeal as of Jan. 1, 1922, of the tax on stockholders of a personal service corporation as such. After that date such

reports are that Buchanan was shot by two unidentified Mexicans, who escaped to Mexico.

Ranger Buchanan had been a member of the State ranger force since March, 1921.

MEXICAN BANDIT SHOOT RANGER SEVEN TIMES.

Marfa, Texas, Dec. 26.—Ben Joe Buchanan, a ranger under Captain Gray's command was shot seven times this morning at Polvo, Texas, on the Rio Grande, twenty miles from Presidio, by a Mexican bandit.

Medical aid was sent from Marfa, where Buchanan has a family.

Great excitement prevails and several cars of friends and officers left Marfa for Polvo.

Have You Paid Your Taxes?

Only one more month in which to pay your school tax. About thirteen hundred on the rendered roll have not yet paid.

If all wait till the last week or day to pay it will mean a great rush and extra work. It costs no more to pay now than it will January 31st.

I have plenty of time to take care of the work efficiently if you will not delay and will appreciate the kindness shown if you will pay as soon as possible.

Respectfully yours,
Ida Kelley, Collector.

Howell Harpole has been spending the holidays with home folks.

corporations are to be taxed in the same manner as other corporations.

Corporations Pay More.

"The income tax on corporations for the calendar year 1922 and there after is increased from 10 to 12 1-2 per cent. The \$2,000 exemption here before allowed corporations is to be granted only to those corporations whose net income is \$25,000 or less.

"Many persons are under the impression that the taxes on ice cream, soft drinks, etc., monthly returns of which are required, have been repealed with the enactment of the new act. These taxes remain in force until the end of the calendar year 1921.

"No change is made in the tax on admissions, except that after Jan. 1, 1922, there will be no tax where admission is 10c or less. Effective Jan. 1, 1922, the following taxes are also abolished: On musical instruments, sporting goods, chewing gum, portable electric fans, thermos bottles, fur articles, pleasure boats and pleasure canoes (unless sold for more than \$100.), toilet articles, medicines and numerous articles of apparel.

Tax on Art Lower.

"On and after Jan. 1, 1922, the tax on various works of art is reduced from 10 per cent to 5 per cent, the tax on candy from 5 per cent, to 3 per cent, and the tax on carpets, rugs, trunks, valises, personal fans, etc., from 10 per cent of sales price in excess of specified amounts to 5 per cent of sales price in excess of specified amounts.

"The Tax on parcel post packages is eliminated, effective Jan. 1, 1922.

"The new act provides that no taxpayer shall be subjected to unnecessary examination or investigations, and only one inspection of his books of accounts shall be made for each year unless the tax payer requests otherwise or the commissioner notifies the tax payer in writing that an additional inspection is necessary.

"The period for filing returns on the calendar year basis is from Jan. 1 to March 15, 1922. This year, as last, the tax may be paid in full at the time of filing the return or in four equal installments, due on or before March 15, June 15, Sept. 15, and Dec. 15.

"Copies of the revenue act may be had by application to Mr. Hopkins' office."

GOES TO FLUVANNA AS BANK CASHIER

Clyde Boren who has been with the State Bank at Fluvanna, as cashier, has accepted a position with the First National Bank of Snyder and has entered upon his duties here. Mr. T. L. Winston takes the place made vacant by Mr. Boren. Mr. Winston will not move his family to Fluvanna but will continue to reside at Snyder.

Gone to California.

Long Beach, Calif., Dec. 26-27. Editor Snyder Signal, Snyder, Texas.

Dear Sir:
I am herewith enclosing check (\$1.50) for the Signal for one year, which you will please mail until further notice to the following address: No. 4-621, West First Street, Long Beach, Calif.

I arrived here one week ago, on a visit to my mother and three sisters and actually we've been in the "swim" all the time, every time I've gone any place, we've waded in water almost ankle deep and I just missed the Los Angeles flood by one day. The old Pacific is some stream and before long I shall take a little trip out to the Catalinas, and hope to see quite a good deal of Southern Calif. at least in three months.

Best wishes and a very Happy New Year, for the Signal and all the dear good folks in Snyder.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Mary B. Starratt.